

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for extending food dough comprising
a lower frame having a food-conveying member to convey food dough in one generally horizontal direction,
an upper frame located above the lower frame, ~~[[and]]~~
a cluster of a plurality of extending rollers ~~that are~~ located within the upper frame, said extending rollers being arranged to be endless and rotatable and in cooperation with the food-conveying member to extend ~~[[the]]~~ food dough conveyed by the food-conveying member, and
means for moving wherein the upper frame toward and away from is moved up- and down in relation to the lower frame to move so that the cluster of the plurality of extending rollers ~~[[far]]~~ can be moved vertically away from the food-conveying member ~~so that the food conveying member can be cleaned.~~
2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the food-conveying member includes a feeding-in conveyor is located on the food conveying member to supply for feeding food dough between the cluster of extending rollers and the food-conveying member, and wherein a part of the feeding-in conveyor ~~[[is]]~~ being guided by a belt-guiding member that is inclined so that ~~[[the]]~~ a downstream end of the feeding-in conveyor is lower than an upstream end thereof, said part ~~corresponding of the feeding-in conveyor being opposed~~ to the cluster of extending rollers.

3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the food-conveying member includes a feeding-out conveyor is located on the food-conveying member to convey for receiving extended food dough and conveying downstream food dough that ~~[[is]]~~ has been extended, and wherein a part of the feeding-out conveyor ~~[[is]]~~ being guided by a belt-guiding member that is inclined so that ~~[[the]]~~ a downstream end of the feeding-out conveyor is higher than an upstream end thereof, said part ~~corresponding of the~~ feeding-out conveyor being opposed to the cluster of extending rollers.

4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said food-conveying member is ~~provided with~~ includes a feeding-in conveyor to feed in food dough and a feeding-out conveyor to feed out extended food dough, ~~wherein~~ belt-guiding members ~~[[are]]~~ located to guide parts of the feeding-in and feeding-out conveyors so that the parts are inclined, said parts ~~corresponding~~ being opposed to the cluster of extending rollers, ~~wherein the~~ first and second conveying rollers ~~[[are]]~~ located between the belt-guiding members so that the first and second conveying rollers ~~correspond~~ are opposed to the cluster of extending rollers, wherein the distance between the first conveying roller and the cluster of extending rollers is less than that between the inclined part of the feeding-in conveyor and the cluster of extending rollers, ~~wherein~~ the distance between the second conveying roller and the cluster of extending rollers is less than that between the first conveying roller and the cluster of extending rollers, and ~~wherein~~ the distance between the inclined part of the feeding-out conveyor and the cluster of extending rollers is less than that between the second conveying roller and the cluster of extending rollers.

5-7. (Cancelled).

8. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the upper frame is pivotally mounted to the lower frame to permit the plurality of extending rollers to be moved vertically away from the food-conveying member.

9. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the upper frame is pivotally mounted to the lower frame at a downstream part of the food-conveying member.